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Honorable Edmund Muskie, Chairman
Committee on Budget
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Enclosed herewith is a copy of a letter I have received from Senator Alan Cranston asking this Agency to grant access clearances to compartmented information to Mr. William E. Jackson and Mr. Harold M. Gross. Mr. Jackson is a member of the Senator's personal staff and Mr. Gross is a member of the Senate Budget Committee staff.

I have discussed this matter with Senator Cranston and explained to him that by long-established policy and precedent between this Agency and the committees of Congress with whom we provide compartmented information, it has been the policy not to grant access to this type of information to members' personal staffs. We have, however, provided access to this information to a limited number of committee staff members, when requested to do so by the Chairmen of the various committees concerned.

In view of the developments in the Committee within the past week relating to Budget Committee staff access to compartmented information, I would appreciate your guidance as to whether or not the Committee desires that access to this category of information be granted to selected members of the Committee staff. If such access is desired, I would appreciate your advice as to which staff members have been selected.

I would like the Committee's views on this subject before acting further on Senator Cranston's letter.

Sincerely,

/s/ George Bush

George Bush
Director

Enclosure

cc:
Senator Alan Cranston

